

Appl. No. 10/059,074

Amdt. Dated May 6, 2005

Reply to Office action of March 8, 2005

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on March 8, 2005 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Examiner rejected claims 1-21. After entry of this response, claims 1, 7, 11, 20, and 21 have been amended and claims 1-21 remain pending in the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2005 and render all pending claims at issue patentably distinct over the cited references.

I. CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,188,402 as issued to Csipkes on February 13, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as "Csipkes"). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended to recite a GUI that visually presents an administrator interface that is configured to provide for the creation and modification of said action data, resource data, reference data, procedure data, and assembly data with a menu driven environment operating in conjunction with a web browser of said first network.

Csipkes relates to a workstation for use in the assembly of component parts that includes a computer terminal having a display and at least one input device, a test apparatus operatively coupled to the computer terminal, and an application program which generates a first display screen for display of an assembly procedure to be followed by an assembler on the display of the computer terminal and a second display screen for display of test results obtained by the test apparatus son said display of said computer terminal. See abstract. However, nowhere does Csipkes remotely mention, suggest, or show using a menu driven environment operating in conjunction with a web browser. Moreover, the Examiner cannot point to any section of Csipkes that discusses the use of a web browser.

A claim can only be anticipated if each and every element recited in the claim is disclosed in a reference, either explicitly or impliedly. Accordingly, as Csipkes fails to disclose, either explicitly or inherently, at least the above-noted element of claims 1, 11, and 21 and the Examiner has failed to provide such an explicit or inherent disclosure of this element, it is

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respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims and the claims that depend therefrom is improper and the Applicants request withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection.

Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1 and claims 12-20 depend from claim 11. Therefore, the Applicants rely on the arguments above for these dependent claims.

In light of the arguments set forth above, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections

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CONCLUSION

In view of Applicants' amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Examiner's rejections under 35 USC § 102, have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is therefore earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' attorneys at the telephone number below.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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